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Afghanistan: 1983 Grain Assessment

Summary

The 1983 grain harvest in Afghanistan was good in most areas,
approximately the same as 1982. The major exception was in the Khowst valley
where the harvest was delayed and the crop was poor. The 1983 wheat harvest,
the primary grain crop and staple of Afghanistan, is estimated at
approximately 3 million metric tons, sufficient to supply the rural population
and to support the insurgent forces. Urban areas are experiencing some food
shortages, largely due to the breakdown in the transportation and distribution
system, necessitating the continued importation of substantial amounts of
Soviet grain. Military activity appears to have had no significant effect on
overall grain production in 1983.

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